GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION IN METROPOLITAN CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any Commission to study the pollution problems in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and other Metropolitan cities and also to make recommendations for suggesting measures to control vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to control the vehicular pollution in Delhi and other Metropolitan cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) &(b) : No, Sir.

(c): The steps taken to control the vehicular pollution in Delhi and other metropolitan cities include notification of stringent Mass Emission Standards known as India 2000 normsakin to Euro-I norms for motor vehicles manufactured from 1.4.2000 in the entire country and more stringent Mass Emission Standards known as Bharat Stage-II akin to Euro-II norms for registration of four wheeled private (non-commercial) vehicles from 1.4.2000 in the National Capital Region, 1.1.2001 in Mumbai and from 1.7.2001 in Chennai and Culcutta, notification of specification of two-stroke engine oil effective from 1.4.1999 in the entire country, supply of improved fuel quality commensurate to upgradation of automobile technology, supply of only unleaded petrol, adoption of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) as auto fuel.